



**LOUISVILLE AND PORTLAND CANAL.**—A general impression seems to prevail that this work has passed into the custody of the United States, and that the cost of its late important improvements has been defrayed by the Government. We learn from one of the Directors of the Company that this impression is erroneous.

In the year 1842, at the instance of the individual stockholders, the Legislature of Kentucky amended the charter of the Company, providing that the entire net receipts of the canal should be applied to the purchase and extinction of the individual stock; that, so soon as the same should be so extinguished, the Board of Directors should offer the work to the United States, and that thereafter no higher tolls should be charged than would be required to raise a sum sufficient to keep the canal in repair and defray the expense of its management. If the United States declined to receive it, the Board were then to offer it to the State of Kentucky, and, if declined by the State, they were to offer it to the city of Louisville.

In January, 1855, the Board announced to the Treasury Department that they were prepared to extinguish the remaining individual stock, and to transfer the work to the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury replied that it could not be received until Congress should pass an act authorizing it, and requested that the President and Directors of the Company should each continue to hold one share of stock, so that the corporate organization might remain, and the Board continue to manage the work until Congress should furnish authority for its reception by the United States. Thus the matter yet stands. The Board is composed of James Marshall, President; G. W. Meriwether, J. H. Rhorer, Chas. H. Lewis, and Chas. W. Short, Directors.

In February, 1855, the Board reduced the toll to 25 cents per ton, a rate deemed adequate to raise a sufficient sum to put the work in proper repair. The net amount that had accrued up to the 1st of August, 1856, was about \$87,000, whereupon the canal was closed and a thorough repair commenced.

The canal has been in use about a quarter of a century, and this is the first effectual cleaning it has ever had. It is not surprising, therefore, that in some places the loose stone, broken wheel-timbers, sand, &c., had accumulated to a depth of four feet. It was generally found about three feet. The side ledges of stone, from four to eight feet in vertical thickness, and projecting from six to twelve feet within the lines of the canal, have now been blasted off and removed, leaving the walls perpendicular to the base line and making the narrow passes from ten to twelve feet wider. Two spacious basins have been completed, by the use of which boats meeting may pass each other. This is a most valuable improvement, as it will prevent the vexatious delays to which boats have so long been subjected. The locks have been thoroughly repaired. A side wall of one of them has been entirely rebuilt with new masonry. A strong guard-gate has been built near the head of the canal, by which the water can hereafter be shut off at any moment. The defective slope pavements have been substantially repaired. Some of them have been replaced with new masonry, and the stone bridge, that abomination in the sight of all steamboatmen, has been taken down and removed and a pivot bridge, to replace it, is in process of construction.

Altogether, these improvements have required a vast amount of labor, and it surprises every one that they have been carried to completion in so short a time. The Company was very fortunate in securing the services of Edward Watts, Esq., of Carlisle, Pa., a very able civil engineer, of great practical experience, under whose direction and superintendence the work was placed, and he certainly deserves the warmest thanks of the steamboatmen, and indeed of the entire West, for the admirable manner in which he has carried it through. He has converted what was literally an obstruction into one of the best canals in the country.

We are pleased to learn that the Company have engaged Mr. Watts to make a survey for a branch canal, with a new set of locks of sufficient dimensions to admit the larger classes of boats. We are assured that this may be done at a comparatively light cost, and it is believed that if the plan be properly presented, now that the entire West is united in favor of such an improvement, Congress will not deny the trifling appropriation it would require.

**HANDSOMELY DONE.**—A young married pair arrived in the city yesterday, from Buffalo, whose departure from that place was attended with a scene whose unpleasantness was aggravated by its publicity. The bride is the daughter of a wealthy and aristocratic merchant in Buffalo, and one of the most lovely and accomplished women of that city, where loveliness and accomplishments seem natural to her sex. The husband is a very respectable young gentleman, every way save in wealth an equal to the lady. The marriage, being opposed by the lady's father, was privately solemnized by a clergyman yesterday morning, and the bridal party had just arrived at the railroad depot to take passage for New York, when they were overtaken by the brother of the bride, who did not know of their marriage, and was led to believe that his sister had sacrificed herself. A rencontre ensued between him and the husband, during which he (the brother) drew a pistol. It was immediately taken from him and fired in the air by the groomsmen, who was in attendance, and the parties separated by him and another gentleman. The husband then claimed an explanation with the brother, exhibited the marriage certificate, and at once relieved his fears. The brother then ran to the father, who hastened to the cars, read the certificate, fretted a little, as old men generally do when called up too early in the morning, granted his blessing to the happy pair, and got ashore just as the last bell rang. —*Albany Knickerbocker.*

**EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.**—The U. S. storeship Release, says the Boston Journal, one of the vessels of the Hartstene Expedition in pursuit of Dr. Kane, has been selected by the Government for the purpose of visiting the American shores of the South Atlantic, to procure sugar cane and seeds under the appropriation of \$75,000 which was made for that object at the last session of Congress. The mission is entrusted to Lieut. Chas. O. Simms, U. S. N., who was second in command of the Hartstene Expedition, and he will sail from New York in command of the Release in the course of a week or ten days. It is expected that she will visit the shores of Central and South America, as well as many of the West India Islands, and return early in the next spring.

[Correspondence of Commercial Advertiser.]

LONDON, October 17, 1856.

The position of the money market is unchanged. Some accounts from Paris represent that the pressure upon the Bank of France is diminishing, but they are too vague to excite much confidence. Here the demand for gold for exportation, and the consequent influx of foreign paper for discount, is unabated, and there have even been apprehensions of a further rise in the rate. These were premature, but the Bank have not altogether abstained from increasing the existing restrictions. In ordinary circumstances they have usually been willing to advance money on Government stock on the same terms as those at which they have taken commercial bills, but the day before yesterday they refused to make loans of this kind for a longer period than seven days, and yesterday they announced that they would refuse them altogether.

This determination produced a renewed fall on the Stock Exchange. Consols, which at the last date, were quoted at 91½, suddenly recovered to within a fraction of 92, owing to a report, which obtained general circulation yesterday morning, that the Bank of France had resolved to suspend specie payments, and, just as a reaction was commencing from a non-confirmation of the rumor, the notification from the Bank on this date became known, which hastened the fall, which continued until they reached 91½. To day there has been a better feeling, and the final quotation is 91½.

The question whether the crisis is to continue depends entirely on the course of events in France, and, as the influences in operation in that country are in a great measure the results merely of panic, any attempt to solve the problem must be vain. All persons here see that there is nothing to be done, but to wait day by day the quotations from the Paris Bourse, and the reports as to the fluctuations in the amount of bullion in the Bank of France and its branches. In this country, everything is sound, and the fact is confirmed from all quarters that there never was a period of such general activity, combined with so complete an absence of unhealthy speculation.

The movements in the discount market fail to produce the slightest effect on the prices of produce or the industry of manufacturers; and out of the region of the stock exchange no one would be aware, from any unusual signs, that the course of financial affairs was experiencing the slightest disturbance. At the departure of the last packet there was a statement that the Bank of France had contracted with Messrs. Rothschild to supply them with \$32,000,000 of gold, as fast as the means could be found. It is now said that a contract has been made, but that its exact amount is not known. According to some persons it is not more than half the total originally mentioned. All that is positively ascertained is that orders have been sent not merely to London, and to various parts of the continent, but to New York, to buy up all that can be procured. Whether the means employed for obtaining it include the raising of money on the hypothecation of stocks, or the sale of sixty days paper created for the purpose, is a point which will doubtless give rise to some interesting conjectures.

Amid all the confusion, the remarkable fact of the total absence of commercial failures, not merely in England and Germany, but in France, where all the mischief originated, is still presented. Not a single rumor of difficulty of this kind has yet been heard.

The Bank of Amsterdam yesterday raised its rates of discount to 5 per cent. Up to the end of last month it had stood at 4 per cent.; but it was then advanced to 4½.

The uneasiness on the continent regarding the displacement of silver by gold is increasing, and, as the point is wholly independent of the existing crisis, it must continue to attract attention, even after the prevailing embarrassment has subsided. Austria is believed to contemplate the adoption of a gold standard whenever she returns to specie payments, and at Hamburg the Board of Commerce have just recommended the substitution of that metal for the existing silver currency.

The intelligence of an ultimatum having been forwarded by France and England to the King of Naples has been confirmed; and it was expected to reach him yesterday. It is represented to be of a very moderate character, but his Majesty is said to have determined upon a high course, such as becomes a Bourbon. His courage is perhaps stimulated by the belief that Louis Napoleon would be no less frightened in Italy; and that under these circumstances, coupled with financial distress in Paris, there is no reason to apprehend anything beyond make-believe measures. According to some accounts, France has stipulated, that, although the combined fleets are to cruise off Naples, they shall not approach close to the city, as she believes that by this means all danger of an outbreak may be avoided.

Accounts from Australia show that the gold production of the first half of 1856 has realized the expectations expressed at the beginning of the year. It was then said that a total equal to \$60,000,000 might be relied upon in the twelve months. The actual shipments for six months appear to have been \$31,600,000. Last year, in the same period, they were \$23,600,000. The report of the Liverpool cotton market for the week shows continued firmness. The wheat market has remained without alteration.

The next steamer from this side will be the Fulton, on the 22d.

**A Duel in Texas.**—Wm. Autry, known as "Dock Autry," and Wm. Carson, fought a duel eight miles below Seguin. They used double-barrel shot-guns and six shooters, and commenced at 120 paces apart, and continued advancing and firing until within six or eight feet, when Carson was shot through with a six shooter and died in two hours. Autry was not hurt, but some buckshot struck him upon the first fire, too much apart to do any injury, and a pistol shot passed through his vest and shirt, just missing him. Autry immediately left, and was pursued by the sheriff of Guadalupe county, and overtaken six miles from Seguin and brought back. We learn that several others are implicated as seconds. —*Austin State Times, Oct. 11.*

The London Times thus pleasantly and cleverly commemorates the last small end of the Central American question:

Political and national events are apt to be small in their beginnings and in their endings. In shape they are pointed at both ends, and bulge out in the centre. They make very little noise at first; then they get to be understood, excite attention, create discussion, and form the subjects of debates in Parliament; then they gradually withdraw and disappear from the public eye, an occasional allusion in the public press just keeping up a faint shadow of existence till at last every trace is gone. They are emblematic, in short, of human life, which is brought up in the quiet of the nursery, is next found making a great show in Parliament or at the bar, or on the field of battle, and finally withdraws into the retirement which precedes the grave. The great Central American question has gone through the first and is now in the last of these stages; having widened out from a very small point it has now arrived at a point again, and, having started in the retirement of the nursery, in which it was training for the noise and publicity which it subsequently attained, it has now entered on the retirement which precedes a total demise. How difficult it was to attract any sort of attention to it at first! It was in vain that the press put on a grave look, or told its readers that there was more in the matter than they thought, that it might have serious issues, and that the little cloud which was less than a man's hand might herald a storm. In spite of all warnings, the public would not for a long time either understand or care anything about Central America. Half the world did not know what Central America was, and it was too much trouble to look it out on the map. This was the nursery of the Central American question. Then gradually the public ear was caught, the contents of blue-books were exposed, fresh dispatches came in, questions from time to time were asked in Parliament, an ambassador was dismissed, the affair assumed an air of importance, the press were full of it, everybody talked of it, and it arrived at its climax in the shape of an exciting debate in the House. That was the middle life of the Central American question. The second retirement, then followed, preliminary to a demise, in which a passing allusion in the columns of American intelligence was all that remained of former greatness; and now the fatal goal is reached.

Our readers may or may not have observed in the column of American intelligence in Monday's impression a document with the names of Clarendon and Herran appended to it. This was the copy of a convention between this country and the State of Honduras, in Central America, and the purport of it is that the Bay Islands, near the coast of Honduras, are constituted a free territory under the sovereignty of Honduras, this country withdrawing from all claim of possession. This document, with an English and an Honduras name to it, finishes the great Central American question. Alexander's dust is up; the bungles; the charges and recriminations of Governments; the rhetoric of Congress and the House of Commons, and the talk of the political world, repose in this little arrangement with a small, obscure, and remote Republic. We must observe that due attention seems to be given in this document to the importance of securing a neutral and independent neighborhood to the important isthmus which divides the two great oceans, and to the canal which will probably before long cut it. The interests of the whole commercial world require an independent neighborhood there as a security for free and uninterrupted commerce. The Republic of Honduras engages "not to erect, or to permit to be erected, any fortifications on the said islands, or any other islands in the Bay of Honduras;" and the "contracting parties agree to communicate the present convention to all other maritime Powers, and to invite them to accede to it."

**THE LONDON TIMES HOAXED.**—In a summary of the news by the latest arrived European steamer, we find the following:

Some wag has imposed on the London Times a most extraordinary hoax on the subject of railway traveling in the Southern States. The wag signs himself, "An Eye-Witness;" and, although his story is densely confused, its substance is, that, traveling recently in the cars between Macon and Augusta, Ga., two young men, A. and B., fell in love with two young ladies; had a difficulty on the subject; C. proposed they should fight it out; whereupon a general discussion upon dueling arose; conductor stopped the train for D. and E. to fight; and E. was killed; C. afterwards challenged G., went into a smoking car, and killed him. H. then seized a little boy, son of the slain C., took him upon the platform, killed him, and threw him over; whereupon conductor again stopped cars, and I. killed J; K. wanting to kill L, but, being behind time, conductor went ahead and reached Macon O. K. This story is going the rounds.

**A Child Eaten by a Bear.**—Near Rocky Point, in Greenbrier county, Va., on Thursday week, at the residence of Wm. T. Mann, George Fox, about 15 years old, was instantly killed and partly eaten up by a large pet bear, belonging to Mr. Mann. This boy had on the day previous killed a ground-hog, and in carrying or skinning the same got some blood on his clothes. Not having changed his clothes, the bear, probably excited by the scent of the blood, lay hold of him around the body and squeezed him until his ribs were broken, then knocked him down with his paw, and eat very nearly all the flesh off his face and legs before he was dead. There being no one about the house but a lady, she was unable to relieve him.

**MARRIED.**  
On the 3d inst., by the Rev. J. V. Schofield, Mr. Jas. H. Wolcott to Mrs. E. Higgins, all of this city.

**A BOOKSTORE FOR SALE.**  
A RARE CHANCE.

THE advertiser, having determined to remove to the West, offers his stock, fixtures, and lease for sale. It is one of the very best in the city—the rent remarkably low—the business well established and profitable, possessing peculiar advantages. The stock is well assorted and fresh. Such an opportunity for investing a small capital does not often occur. Address Box 36 Louisville Post-office.

**For Sale.**  
On Monday, the 1st day of December Circuit Court, I will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Court-House, in the city of Henderson, between the hours of 10 and 2 o'clock, my PLANTATION, containing 634 acres of land, 390 acres of the above are what is designated black flat of the best description and well drained. The land is remarkably well watered, and is acknowledged to be one of the best in the county. The water is excellent, and throughout the present season (the driest ever known) there has been an ample supply for every purpose. The dwelling-house contains 6 rooms, and, with very little cost, can be rendered comfortable for a family of moderate size. There are 2 good corn-cribs, a good stable, 3 negro-shed, besides a commodious kitchen and 2 sheds to be used for horses (fully covered) in stock-houses if desired. This farm lies 5 miles south of Henderson and within 2 miles of Towles's landing, on the Ohio river, with a good road to both places. Any one who wishes to examine the premises prior to the day of sale will apply to the undersigned. Terms made known on the day of sale.

**For Rent.**  
A comfortable two-story BRICK HOUSE, on Third street, near Broadway. R. KINGOLD, 64 Fourth st.

**A PERFUMED BREATH.**—What lady or gentleman would remain under the curse of a disagreeable breath when by using the "Balm of a Thousand Flowers" as a dentifrice would not only render it sweet but leave the teeth white as alabaster? Many persons do not know their friends will never mention it. Pour a single drop of the "Balm" on your tooth-brush and wash the teeth night and morning. A fifty cent bottle will last a year.

**A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION** may easily be acquired by using the "Balm of a Thousand Flowers." It will remove tan, pimples, and freckles from the skin, leaving it of a soft and rosy hue. Wet a towel, pour on two or three drops, and wash the face night and morning.

**SHAVING MADE EASY.**—Wet your shaving-brush in either warm or cold water, pour on two or three drops of "Balm of a Thousand Flowers," rub the beard well and it will make a beautiful soft lather, much facilitating the operation of shaving.

Price only 50 cents. F. J. & Co., proprietors. R. A. Robinson, J. S. Morris & Sons, and Bell, Talbot, & Co., agents for Louisville. Scribner & Devol, agents for New Albany.

**NOTICE.**  
A REGULAR meeting of the Mechanics' Institute will be held THIS EVENING (Tuesday), Nov. 4, at the Library Room on Fourth street.

**Fletcher & Bennett's Observatory.**  
HERBERT certifies that he has this day made a careful examination of the Transit instrument in the possession of Messrs. Fletcher & Bennett, of this city, and that the same may be relied upon to obtain accurate time.

**Boy Wanted.**  
We wish to employ a smart active boy, one that is not afraid or ashamed to work.

**CALL AT THE GREAT GIFT BOOK SALE, No. 53 Third st.**

**New and Standard Books**  
Sold at the lowest retail price, AND EACH BOOK PURCHASER THEN RECEIVES AS A FREE GIFT

**SOME ARTICLE WORTH FROM 50 CENTS TO \$50!**

**DR. KING'S DISPENSARY.**  
DR. A. KING, a practitioner of New York for the last thirty years, has opened a Dispensary on Market st., bet. First and Second, nearly opposite to Graham House, Louisville, for the treatment of Private Diseases, such as Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and all diseases of the skin and other discharges, growing out of neglected impurities. He has long been known as a successful practitioner, and his treatment is perfectly safe and reliable. He has a large stock of medicine, and his charges are moderate. He is also a practitioner of the latest and most successful treatment of the disease known as "Gonorrhea," and his success is well known to all who have been treated by him. He is also a practitioner of the latest and most successful treatment of the disease known as "Syphilis," and his success is well known to all who have been treated by him. He is also a practitioner of the latest and most successful treatment of the disease known as "Gonorrhea," and his success is well known to all who have been treated by him.

**FALL STYLES MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS.**  
545 Market street, above Second.

**MRS. A. JONES.**  
106 Fourth street, between Market and Jefferson.

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**OLD PAPERS FOR SALE.**  
A LOT of old papers in good order, suitable for wrapping up goods, &c., for sale. Enquire at this office.

**FLETCHER & BENNETT,**  
DEALERS IN FINE WATCHES, JEWELRY, AND SILVERWARE, No. 643 Main street, between Fourth and Fifth, Louisville, Ky.

**Blank Book Manufacturing and General Binding Establishment.**  
WEBB, GILL, & LEVERING, No. 521 Main street, south side, three doors below Court-House.

**Superb Fancy Dry Goods, Laces, Embroideries, &c.,**  
RECEIVED THIS MORNING BY EXPRESS AT BENT & DUVAL'S.

**White Wheat Flour—100 lbs.**  
Ferguson & Son's brand in store and for sale by H. FERGUSON & SON.

**CROSSLAND FLOUR—60 lbs.**  
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**Walker's Restaurant Hotel.**  
FRESH VENISON AND SHELL OYSTERS—Our Restaurant at the present time cannot be excelled in all the points of good living, such as Shell Oysters, Venison, Fried Chicken, Woodcock, Blue-Wing Duck, Quails, Snipes, Game Fish, &c. Also on Oysters put up expressly for family use. Call and see.

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**THE MOST ELEGANT DRESS MADE EVER WORN IN THIS CITY.**  
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**BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S FANCY HATS.**  
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**CLOAKS AND MANTILLAS FOR FALL AND WINTER.**—We would respectfully invite the attention of ladies to the stock of cloaks and mantillas at the house of Miller & Tabb, corner of Market and Fourth streets. Their stock of the above goods in point of variety and elegance is unequalled by that of any other Western house. Their stock of dress silks, shawls, scarfs, de laines, valencies, merinos, cashmere plaids, and embroideries is large and complete. They have also on hand a large stock of brown jeans, plaid and white linseys for servants, which they are offering very low. Call and examine the stock of this house before you make your fall purchases; they are offering great bargains.

**A BIG MAJORITY.**—A unanimous vote in these days of high political excitement, when the whole country is divided and subdivided into political and religious organizations, is a result scarcely expected by many persons. But that such an event has really occurred is clearly proven. And it is an undeniable fact that on one subject the vote is unanimous, and that all parties, old and young, native and foreign, bond and free, who have tried Porter's Oriental Life Liniment, pronounce it to be a valuable remedy for the relief and cure of rheumatism, pains in the back and shoulders—it has been used with the greatest success by thousands—and for the permanent cure of old sores, tetters, ringworm, bruises, cuts, sprains, and frost-bites it is fallible.

**NOTICE.**  
IN the next number of the Flag of our Union will be commenced a most vivid and interesting Novella entitled THE BRIDE OF PARIS, or the ROLL OF THE DREEM, a romance of the Revolution, the Reign of Terror, and the days of Napoleon the Great, by Francis A. Durfee. The above paper can be had of all Paper Dealers, News Dealers, and at the Bookstore of A. GUNTER, Wholesale Agent for Louisville, 59 Third street.

**For November.**  
PUTNAM'S Monthly Magazine for November; Household Words; Schoolfellows.

**New Book on California.**  
ENTITLED "CALIFORNIA IN LOWS AND OUT, or How We Farm, Mine, and Live generally in the Golden State," by Eliza W. Farnham, just received and for sale at the Bookstore of A. GUNTER, 99 Third street.

**NEW GOODS BY EXPRESS.**  
DURKEE, HEATH, & CO. received on Saturday an immense line of desirable Goods, containing many novelties never sought after and hard to be obtained anywhere else than at our store—

**DRESS TRIMMINGS.**  
New and beautiful styles of Dress Trimmings.

**BONNET RIBBONS.**  
A large assortment of Bonnet and narrow Satin and Taffeta Ribbons of all widths and colors.

**BUGLE LACES.**  
We have a new style of Silver Bugle lace, the first of the season, with black Bugle lace, all widths.

**BROCHE SCARFS.**  
1 case elegant Broche Scarfs of all colors.

**MERINOS IN HIGH COLORS.**  
1 case French Merinos of choice colors.

**PRINTED DRESSING.**  
Something entirely new is printed in wool de laines, choice colors and super quality in plain de laines.

**TARLETONS.**  
1 case assorted Tarletons, beautiful for evening dresses.

**ALL grades of white and colored Flannels.**  
DURKEE, HEATH, & CO., 107 Fourth st., between Market and Jefferson.

**EMBROIDERIES.**  
A BEAUTIFUL lot of Embroideries just received at

**ROBINSON, MARTIN, & CO.'S, 96 Fourth st.**  
Thread, Valenciennes, and Italian Lace Sets; Linen, Jacquard, &c., &c., and all the latest styles of Swiss, Jaconet, and Lace Collars; Swiss Collets and Sets, Linen and Jaconet; Jaconet, Swiss Bands, Neckties, and Edges; Dainty Bands and Thread Laces, &c.

**CLOAKS, TALMANS, SHAWLS, AND SCARFS.**  
A full and beautiful assortment of every style of Velvet, Moire antique, and Cloth.

**BLANKETS; BLANKETS!**  
Super White, Red, and Grey, and all the latest styles of Heavy blue, white, and grey Blankets for servants.

**FLANNELS; FLANNELS!**  
10-4 white and grey Flannels; Super Welsh and French do; Heavy grey, yellow, red, and white Flannels.

**TO PURCHASERS.**  
We invite your attention to our stock and ask an examination of the same.

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**SUPERB PREMIUM BLANKETS.**—We have just received and have now in store a large assortment of superb Premium Bed Blankets of all sizes from 11-16 quarter Bed Blankets down to 10-4 and 10-6 Bed Blankets, all of which we offer at very low prices.

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**BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED CANTON FLANNELS.**—We have just received two cases of a very superior article of Canton Flannel, which we shall offer low.

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**GENTS' SOFT BUSINESS AND TRAVELING HATS.**  
In great variety at

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**FURS! FURS!**—The ladies are respectfully invited to call and examine our large stock of Furs. We are offering them at low prices, and now is the best time to select as the assortment is large and complete.

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**Knickerbocker Magazine for November**  
Just received and for sale by

**BEAUTIFUL Books and New Supplies.**  
The Poetry of the East, by Wm. R. Alger. 31.  
Never too Late to Mend, by Chas. Reade. 2 vols. Price \$1.

**The Hills of the Shattam, by Mrs. Warner, author of the Wide World. Price \$1.25.**  
Dr. King's Arctic Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin in 1853, '54, and '55. Price \$5.

**At Home and Abroad, or Things and Thoughts in America and Europe, by Margaret Fuller Ossoli. Price \$1.25.**  
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**History of the War in the Peninsula and in the South of France from A. D. 1807 to A. D. 1814, by Major-General Sir W. F. F. Napier. Price \$7.50.**  
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**DWARF PEARS.**—There is no subject upon which experienced men differ so greatly as in their views of the value of the dwarf pear. By dwarf pears, we mean trees grafted or budded on stocks which so change their habits as to make them early productive or dwarfish. For this purpose several stocks have been used with various success. The thorn, the mountain ash, and the quince each has been found to answer the purpose, but experience teaches that the quince is the only stock for dwarfing the pear which offers a fair chance of a healthy tree, and the Angers quince, the only variety that answers the purpose well, all other kinds being found to produce short-lived trees. The Angers quince is a very vigorous variety, and it is on this account that it is suitable as a stock for the pear. In speaking therefore of dwarf pears, we wish to be understood as referring to pears worked on Angers quince stock and no other. As before stated, there is a great difference of opinion as to the value of these dwarf trees. Many persons who have as they think given them a faithful trial have pronounced them valueless, while others in similar localities have been highly satisfied with them. Why is this? Who shall decide as to their value when good authority is so divided in opinion? There are a few things to be considered in this connection which may explain this diversity of experience, which we will mention.

It is well known that as yet but few kinds of pears are uniformly successfully worked on the quince, a very few which produce better fruit on this stock than on their own root, others again that do well as dwarfs in some sections and totally fail in others, still others that seem to flourish for a few years, and probably produce one good crop of fruit and then cease to grow, and, after lingering a few years truly pitiable objects, with their mossy stems and superannuated looks, gradually cease to live; another class totally refuse to grow upon the quince at all. These different peculiarities have been found out by experience only, and from the nature of them it will be seen that many cultivators must have bought their experience at the expense of years of disappointed expectation. Thousands of trees have been sold by honest parties, under the belief that they were well suited to this stock from limited experience or for want of knowledge that they were successful only in a limited locality, when after a few years more experience they could only regret the injury thus unintentionally put upon innocent parties. The great popularity and consequent demand for dwarf trees has compelled a hasty supply furnished by parties who would now with more experience by no means furnish such extensive lists.

Again, it is found that dwarf pears require peculiar treatment or they will entirely fail. Experience teaches that all of the quince stock, no matter how high from the ground the bud is inserted, must be buried under the surface at least one inch. The philosophy of this is, that by keeping the close-grained compact quince wood always moist and cool it partakes of the nature of the root wood; that it is more porous and consequently can supply sap enough to keep the more vigorous pear in healthy growth, whereas, if exposed to the atmosphere, it becomes so close-grained as to check the pear in its growth, and ultimately starve it to death. It is on this account and not because the pear puts out roots of its own above the point of union that this treatment is necessary.

It is also found to be absolutely necessary to give much better culture and an annual dressing of manure to dwarf trees, or failure may be expected; this is requisite because the quince roots have but a limited range, and as they thus dwarf the pear they must have their food placed within their reach.

From all we can learn on this subject, together with a limited experience, we are prepared to say that for orchard purposes, except to plant between standard trees, dwarf pears are of doubtful utility, requiring too much attention and being attended as yet with too much uncertainty to be fully reliable; but for the garden, for the amateur, and for limited plantations they are well suited, and, with a judicious selection of those kinds only that have been well tested, they will in these conditions prove highly satisfactory. At present the list of those that can be fully relied upon in all localities is very limited. The attention of the American Pomological Society at their late meeting was directed to this subject, and when we get their proceedings we will give their list of such as can be relied upon in all localities.

Notwithstanding it has been known for several years that no other than the Angers quince or some other equally as free-growing variety would answer for stocks, thousands are annually sold worked on the common orange quince. These trees will of all course disappoint their owners after receiving three or four years' attention. As the Angers quince is now generally disseminated through the country, we presume this cause of failure will rapidly diminish.

Our own experience with dwarf pears is confined to six or seven years, but it has been highly satisfactory within a limited range of varieties, yet we may have some kinds doing well which would fail at the distance of only a few miles, as we have succeeded in planting over fifty kinds on the quince stock. The only sure way for the novice to avert disappointment is to plant only such as are uniformly successful, and of these we now only venture to mention the *Duchess de Angoulême*, *Louise Bonne de Jersey*, *Glout Morceau*, and *Buffum*.

Since writing the above we have received in the Country Gentleman the following account of the proceedings of the American Pomological Society, in which this subject of dwarf pears is discussed. We refer to their list, recommended as it is by representatives from nine

States, as being about as full as the present experience all over the country will justify. The whole report will be found highly interesting to fruit-growers:

## AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

We continue our condensed report of the proceedings of this body at Rochester, going somewhat into detail in relation to the merits of each sort, as we do not often have an opportunity of presenting to our readers such widely drawn experience, and which cannot fail to be of value, not merely to nurserymen, in deciding on the merits of the several sorts under discussion, but to fruit-growers generally throughout the country in making selections for planting.

Osbard's Summer pear was highly commended by all who spoke of it, as a free grower, and as a handsome, good sized, and very fine fruit. It was placed on the list "promising well."

Beurre Nantais, an early autumn, very fine, and handsome pear, was placed on the same list.

The Gracilin pear was highly spoken of by those who had tried it. The Dix brought out many conflicting opinions. The quality of the fruit was highly approved, but its tardiness of bearing was looked upon as a serious objection by several. Col. Wilder said he had trees nineteen years old that had never borne, and twenty-five years old that had not borne a peck. It cracks badly on his grounds. It was also stated that B. V. French, of Mass., had trees nineteen years grafted on old stocks that had never borne. S. Walker, of the same region, has found it to bear in six years; and — Paul, of Mass., had had fruit on grafts but two years old. He regarded it the finest of pears. It had also proved excellent and valuable in Indiana. A divided vote had prevented its being placed on the list for general cultivation, and it was admitted to the list promising well, but not unanimously.

Bleeker's Meadow produced an expression of still greater diversity. W. R. Prince highly lauded it, regarding it equal to the Seckel. A. H. Ernst, of Cincinnati, admitted that it was a great bearer and fine grower, but the fruit he found "perfectly worthless." J. S. Cabot of Mass., thought it not worth raising. Dr. Brinckle, of Philadelphia, had found it very fine, and thought that house-ripening would have rendered it so in some instances where it had failed. All admitted its unequalled productiveness, its hardiness, and free growth, and it was stricken from the rejected list, where it had previously stood, for further trial of its merits.

Passans du Portugal was likewise stricken off the rejected list, as some esteem it.

## PEARS ON QUINCE STOCKS.

The Belle Lucrative was proposed as a sort succeeding well on quince. C. M. Hovey objected, as it does not succeed well with him. With Wm. Reid, of New Jersey, it does "tolerably well." With P. Barry of Rochester, it grows well, but not equal to some others; he has ten years trees that are healthy, but he was in favor of cutting down the list, and recommending those only that will undoubtedly succeed. C. M. Hovey said, that although he had trees twelve years old that grew tolerably well, he thinks its growth not good enough to recommend it universally to the world at large. It was however left on the recommended list.

The Beurre d'Amalis, well known as one of the finest growers on quince, although of doubtful quality, appears to be gaining more favor in the Eastern States. Wm. Reid had found it to rot at the core, and to be of only ordinary quality. Several had prevented rotting by picking early. R. Buist said that in cold latitudes or high situations it succeeded well—in low and warm localities it was more liable to rot.

Beurre d'Arjou was recommended without a single objection as well adapted to growth on the quince.

Beurre d'Arenberg—pronounced by M. P. Wilder, J. S. Cabot, and others, as a poor grower on quince; by Wm. Reid and others, as poor in growth on both pear and quince, and by W. R. Prince as "contemptible on quince."

Beurre Diel, Figue d'Alencon, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Duchesse Angoulême, Glout Morceau, were all highly recommended for this mode of culture.

Napoleon—admitted by all to be a fine grower as a dwarf, but objected to by several on account of its quality. A. H. Ernst had found it "utterly worthless" at Cincinnati, and Wm. Reid regarded it as unworthy of cultivation in New Jersey. Nouveau Poiteau, Rostelez, Langelier, and Soldat Laborer, were all acknowledged as fine growers, but the latter was objected to by some on account of its inferior quality. Triomphe de Jodoligne was struck from the list of dwarfs, and Urbaniste highly recommended. J. S. Cabot said that no pear formed a better pyramid than the latter, and M. P. Wilder stated that his trees had borne large crops for seven years, sometimes one barrel on each tree, while a dozen specimens had not been obtained from similar trees on the pear. F. K. Phoenix, of Illinois, said there was no harder pear in the west. Vicar of Winkfield was recommended as one of the best for quince.

White Doyenne or Virgileu brought out much discussion, and many discordant results were stated. Cracking of the fruit had proved a formidable obstacle to success, in several places. A. H. Ernst said that at Cincinnati, after failing for some years, the trees had resumed bearing good fruit, showing the importance of not rejecting any sort too soon.

Winter Nellis was proposed, but several objected. Kingessing was admitted by all who had tried it to form a beautiful pyramid, but to need longer trial.

Brandywine—This had been tried seven years each by W. P. Townsend of Lockport, by Wm. Reid of New Jersey, and H. E. Hooker, of Rochester, and all had found it to succeed finely on the quince. P. Barry, however, did not consider this as a sufficiently long trial to warrant a full recommendation for general cultivation, as some kinds, the Belle Lucrative for example, do well for about ten years, and then fail. Beurre Superfin was spoken of like the Kingessing and Brandywine. The Gray Doyenne had not generally succeeded well on quince.

Flemish Beauty was found by a number of cultivators to be a poor grower at first, but afterwards to make a fine tree. Hooker, of Rochester, and Saul, of Newburg, could not make it grow.

Doyenne d'Alencon, Epine Dumas, Beurre Sterkman, Tyson, and Kiriland, were all highly spoken of for this purpose, although trials had not extended through many years. Several spoke well of Passe Colmar, others said it was a "moderate" grower, and a few pronounced it "poor." The Buffum was regarded by most as "one of the best," but Hovey objected.

Seckel—Several said "grows well," others "grows very well," Buist said "magnificent" when double worked. Some thought the Seckel dwarfish enough already, and an early bearer, while others remarked that with them "it would not grow at all."

Longevity of Dwarfs—Allusion was made to several recent articles from a correspondent in the Horticulturist, as tending to discourage the culture of the pear as a dwarf, and some gen-

tiemen present who had visited the grounds of that correspondent, had found that "he knew nothing of cultivating pears on quince stocks according to modern treatment," as exhibited by his distorted, badly pruned trees, twelve years old. P. Barry, being called upon, made some remarks showing that annual pruning is absolutely necessary, that the branches would over-bear unless portions were pruned out, and that even the best varieties might die out from overbearing. Col. Wilder had trees in healthy growth, 25 years old, and mentioned instances of trees in Europe 100 years old. W. R. Prince said that the trees in the garden of the London Horticultural Society at Chiswick are over 35 years old and are now flourishing.

## GRAPES.

The Isabella, Catawba, and Diana being already on the list for general cultivation, the Delaware was proposed to be added. Charles Downing had found it one of the best, hardy, and ripening well. Dr. Brinckle thought it a first-rate native grape.—Dr. Grant had found it perfectly hardy, and stated that it was first discovered in New Jersey, and has been in Ohio some 25 or 30 years. It was added to the list of those that "promise well."

A. Saul proposed the Rebecca—it was pronounced tender, because partly of exotic parentage, not intrinsically hardy. C. Downing said it was perfectly hardy, but moderate grower, and Dr. Grant stated that it had endured three winters, with a portion of intensely severe weather, uninjured. It was recommended as promising well.

Dr. Grant proposed the To Kalon Prince and Hovey could hardly distinguish it from Catawba, and therefore thought not worth while to recommend it. C. Downing said it was quite a distinct grape from the Catawba, and darker and better than either that or Isabella. Dr. Grant said it was wholly different from the Catawba, being "nearly black" in color. A. Saul said it was "black," and thought it better than either of the others mentioned. Dr. Grant thought it one week earlier than Isabella, and C. Downing as ripening at the same time as the Catawba. It was left for further examination.

Graham grape, of Philadelphia. R. Buist recommended this, being a pure native sort, while several other of the new Pennsylvania kinds were from the exotic species, or *vitis vinifera*.

Union Village—the character of this was pronounced much the same as that of the Isabella, but a little earlier. It was commended as "promising well."

Concord. C. Downing had fruited it and found it about 10 days earlier than the Isabella.—Col. Frost of Schuylers county, about six days before Isabella.—W. Reid of New Jersey had found it a week earlier, and had formed a more favorable opinion of it than seeing it at Boston. H. E. Hooker of Rochester said that on his grounds it was not so early as Diana, but ripened about the same time as Isabella.

A fact was stated by — Hanford of Indiana, showing the importance of a dry bottom for grapes. On a porous soil, vines had withstood 31 deg. below zero, but on impervious subsoil they were killed.

## APPLES.

Several of the fine standard sorts at the East succeed but imperfectly at the Southwest, more particularly the Rhode Island Greening. The Benoni has been found fine through the West, and, with the Plimate, was recommended for general cultivation.

Rambo. This had proved fine throughout the West and in California—had been one of the hardest trees for the hard winters of the West. E. D. Hobbs, of Kentucky, said his young nursery and orchard trees had withstood 26 degrees below zero uninjured. At the North it is smaller, and needs a rich soil. In New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania it has somewhat deteriorated—fine in western Pennsylvania. It was recommended for general cultivation by a strong vote.

King, of Tompkins county, N. Y., had many votes for placing it on the list for general cultivation, but a few being against this, it was recommended as promising well. The Wagener was placed on the same list. The High Top Sweeting (same as Summer Sweet and Sweet June), which has proved especially valuable throughout the West, was adopted for general cultivation. The Carolina Red June (ripening closely after Early Harvest and for several weeks succeeding) was recommended as promising well.

The Jonathan elicited higher praise from all quarters than we expected. J. H. Whitney, of Rochester, said that two trees on his grounds 10 years old had borne more than any ten others. Another case was mentioned of a tree in Cayuga county which bore a bushel the fifth year from transplanting. Through the West the fruit is large and fine. It was placed on the list for general cultivation by a large and general vote.

## PEACHES.

Bergen's Yellow was pronounced unproductive in Western New York and North Carolina—in Indiana, productive and fine. Serrate Early York lights badly in North Carolina. Gros Mignon, unproductive in different places. Morris White, very tender in Northern Indiana. Crawford's Early succeeds everywhere, and was adopted for general cultivation. The Susquehanna, one of the largest and finest Pennsylvania sorts, was placed on the list, promising well.

Hill's Chili, recommended by Dr. Sylvester, as "yellow fleshed, fine, though hardly first rate—productive, late, and fine for market," and by H. E. Hooker, as "well known, homely, but productive and fine," was recommended as promising well. Oldmixon Cling was adopted as worthy of general cultivation. Large White Cling, recommended in Downing's work on fruits, brought out conflicting views, and was erased. Dr. Brinckle proposed Gorgas, a seedling from Morris's White, but twice its size, and with a red skin and white flesh—adopted as promising well. Madeleine de Courson, and Hatif de Ferriers, were also similarly adopted. Early Titlinton was stated by — Hanford of Northern Indiana to have no equal there as an early, productive, and fine peach; — Westbrock said it was highly esteemed in North Carolina—but several at the north objected to its strong liability to mildew. — Thompson, of California, said that the Strawberry peach proved fine there.

## CHERRIES.

Black Eagle—unproductive in North Carolina—in Massachusetts, always takes the first prize, and is decidedly the best variety, according to Col. Wilder. The Downton was erased from the general list, for its unproductiveness. The Napoleon Bigarreau was stated to rot badly in Massachusetts and in some parts of Western New York—while it was strongly recommended as succeeding well in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Newburgh, N. Y., and in Northern Indiana. It was put on the list "for certain localities." American Amber—conflicting opinions as to its productiveness. The Belle de Cholsy was generally regarded as unproductive—the Rockport Bigarreau was placed on the list "promising well." Belle d'Orleans, Coe's Transparent, Early purple Guigne, Gov. Wood, and Reine Hortense were all promoted to the list for general cultivation.

## PLUMS.

Frost Gage was erased from the list on account of its liability to the black knot. McLaughlin. Col. Wilder said it had proved exceedingly fine away in Maine and Nova Scotia, where the mercury goes to 30 degrees below zero, and everywhere else he has heard from it—tree very hardy, and fine grower and bearer, and fruit about equal to Green Gage.

The White Damsen, Fellenberg or Italian Prune, Duane's Purple, German Prune, Gen. Hand, Bradshaw, Large Black Imperial, and Pond's Seedling, were placed on the list of those promising well. Prince's Yellow Gage and Lombard were recommended for general cultivation.

## RASPBERRIES.

Orange and French were placed on the list for general cultivation, and the following recommended as promising well, viz: *Cushing*, *Cope*, *Thunderer* (from Rivers, resembles *Franciscana*), *Ohio Everbearing*, *American Red Prolific*, and *Catawissa*. The American Red Prolific was said by W. R. Prince to be the great market raspberry of New York city, habit like that of Blackcap—also recommended by W. Lawton and others. Some had found it badly affected by blight or fungus on the leaves. The Catawissa was pronounced by Dr. Brinckle as the best bearer he ever saw. Prince said it is a perpetual variety of the American Prolific, already named.

## STRAWBERRIES.

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